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SUBJECT Notes on the Soviet and Hungarian Danube River Naval Flotillas

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1. The main base of the Soviet and Hungarian Danube River naval flotillas is located north of the Budapest winter harbor (see Sketch 1). The base has its own shipyard, drydock, repair installations, radio station, fuel tanks, garages, and barracks. The base is operated under a Soviet commander. The commander of the Hungarian units is Colonel Mihaly Lazar. Approximately 200 vessels were stationed at the base at the end of 1958. All vessels flew Hungarian colors and had Hungarian markings although half of the monitors were under Soviet command and had Soviet crews. The entire base is surrounded by a double barbed-wire fence and is closely guarded by a unit of about 200 men.
2. Since the summer of 1957 an intensive effort has been made to build up and modernize the river flotilla and to enlarge and improve the bases. The number of monitors has increased greatly through new constructions from existing and newly built yards and through the arrival of Soviet vessels from the USSR. The pre-World War II flotilla base and winter harbor on the Szunyogsziget (Gelsen Island) has been greatly enlarged and improved since 1957. The existing yards and barracks have been rebuilt and modernized. Obsolete vessels of the flotilla have been passed on to the Mahart organization. A new canal was dug (Point 4 on Sketch 1) in 1957 - 1958 to permit vessels to pass out of the Szunyogsziget base without having to be turned around in the narrow channel.
3. A force of naval troops amounting to between 2,000 and 2,500 men is stationed on the main flotilla base; over half of them are Soviet troops. The naval troops are equipped with flat-bottomed motor landing craft holding from 25 to 30 men each. These boats are manufactured by the Vaci Vizibus Epitő Üzem enterprise at Vac. The units also use inflatable rubber boats. The naval troops are given particularly hard training and serve an enlistment period of three years.
4. The fuel depot (Point 8 on Sketch 1) of the base consists of underground tanks equipped with motor pumps. Pipelines lead to the harbor to facilitate the fueling of ships. The fuel depot has a capacity of about 100 railroad tank cars.
5. The flotilla's munitions depot is located on Szentendre Island in the woods opposite the town of Szentendre. The depot is partly underground; the entire

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area is fenced off.

6. The repair installation at the Szunyogsziget base (Point 2 of Sketch 1) takes care only of the repair and overhauling of ships' engines.
7. North of Dunaföldvár is a barracks complex housing Hungarian and Soviet naval flotilla personnel. The barracks were enlarged and modernized in 1958. North of the Dunaföldvár hemp factory is a small pond which is being dredged to provide a new winter harbor for the Danube flotilla. It is not expected to be ready before the end of 1959. South of the Dunaföldvár naval barracks is a fairly large flotilla munitions depot.
8. Between Tolna and Fadd is a dead arm of the Danube which is being dredged from its original breadth of about 10 meters to a breadth of 80 meters so that it may be used as a harbor. A large barracks complex will be erected here to serve the base. A part of this complex was already completed in November 1958 and was serving to house a guard unit. The barracks area is surrounded by a barbed-wire fence.
9. At the end of 1958 there were four monitors and 30 smaller craft stationed at Baja. The vessels were served by about 1,000 men, half of whom were Soviets.
10. On the right bank of the swampy Mohácsi-Sziget (island), eight kilometers south of Mohács, a new barracks complex was erected on concrete pillars in 1957 - 1958. This is believed to be the only Danube flotilla base which is occupied exclusively by Hungarian personnel. A unit of about 200 men and a patrol vessel and five motorboats were observed here in November 1958. Near the new barracks complex is a Danube flotilla firing range.
11.  a sketch of the flotilla base near Budapest (Sketch 1) and a larger-scale map of the same area (Sketch 2).
12. Attached are sketches of the naval bases at Dunaföldvár (Sketch 3), Tolna (Sketch 4), Baja (Sketch 5), and Mohács (Sketch 6); a diagram of the G. Gergely Dej shipbuilding yard (Sketch 7); and drawings of Hungarian naval uniforms (Sketch 8). *re attached*

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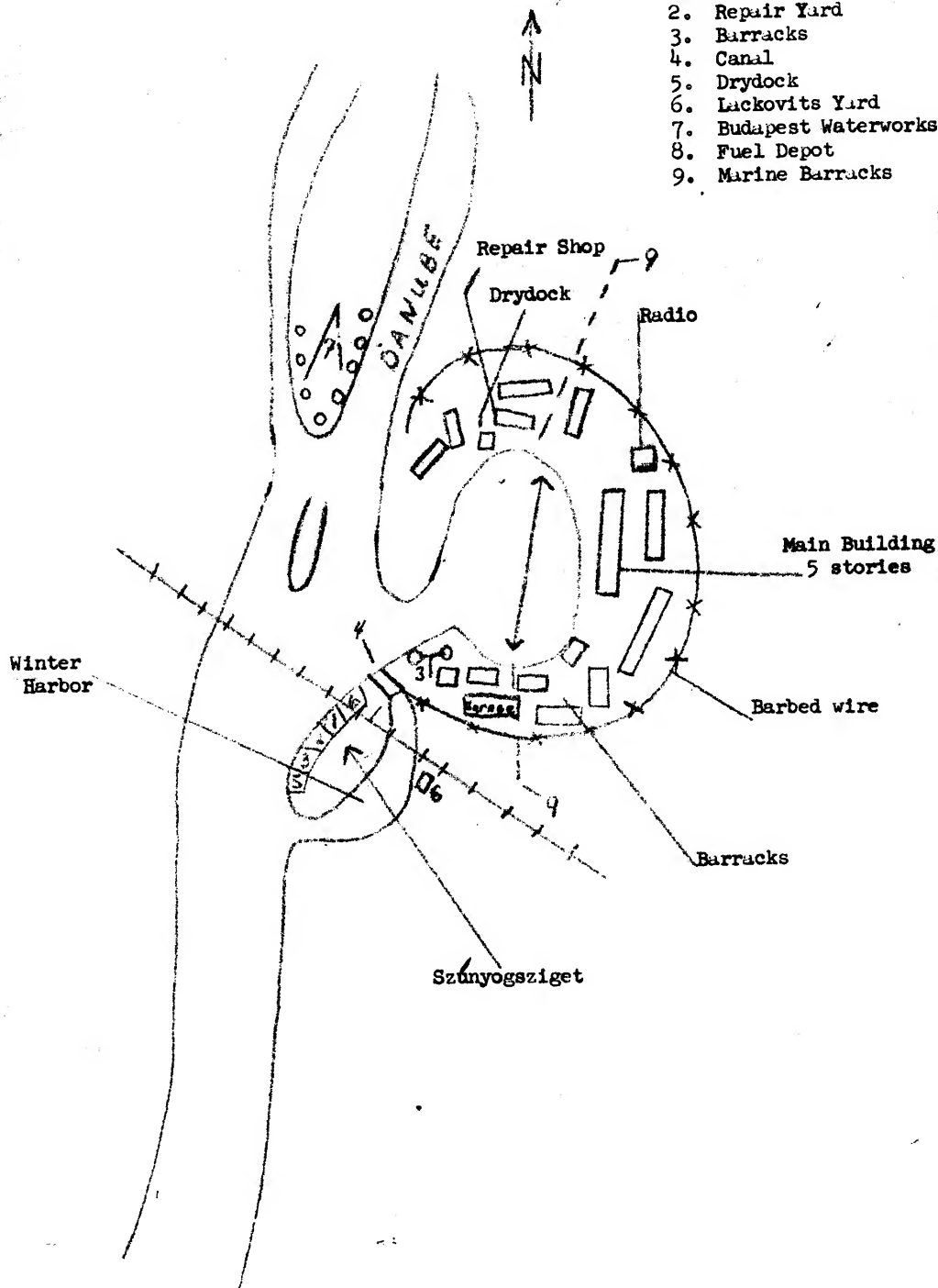
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Sketch 1

1. Mahart Yard
2. Repair Yard
3. Barracks
4. Canal
5. Drydock
6. Lackovits Yard
7. Budapest Waterworks
8. Fuel Depot
9. Marine Barracks



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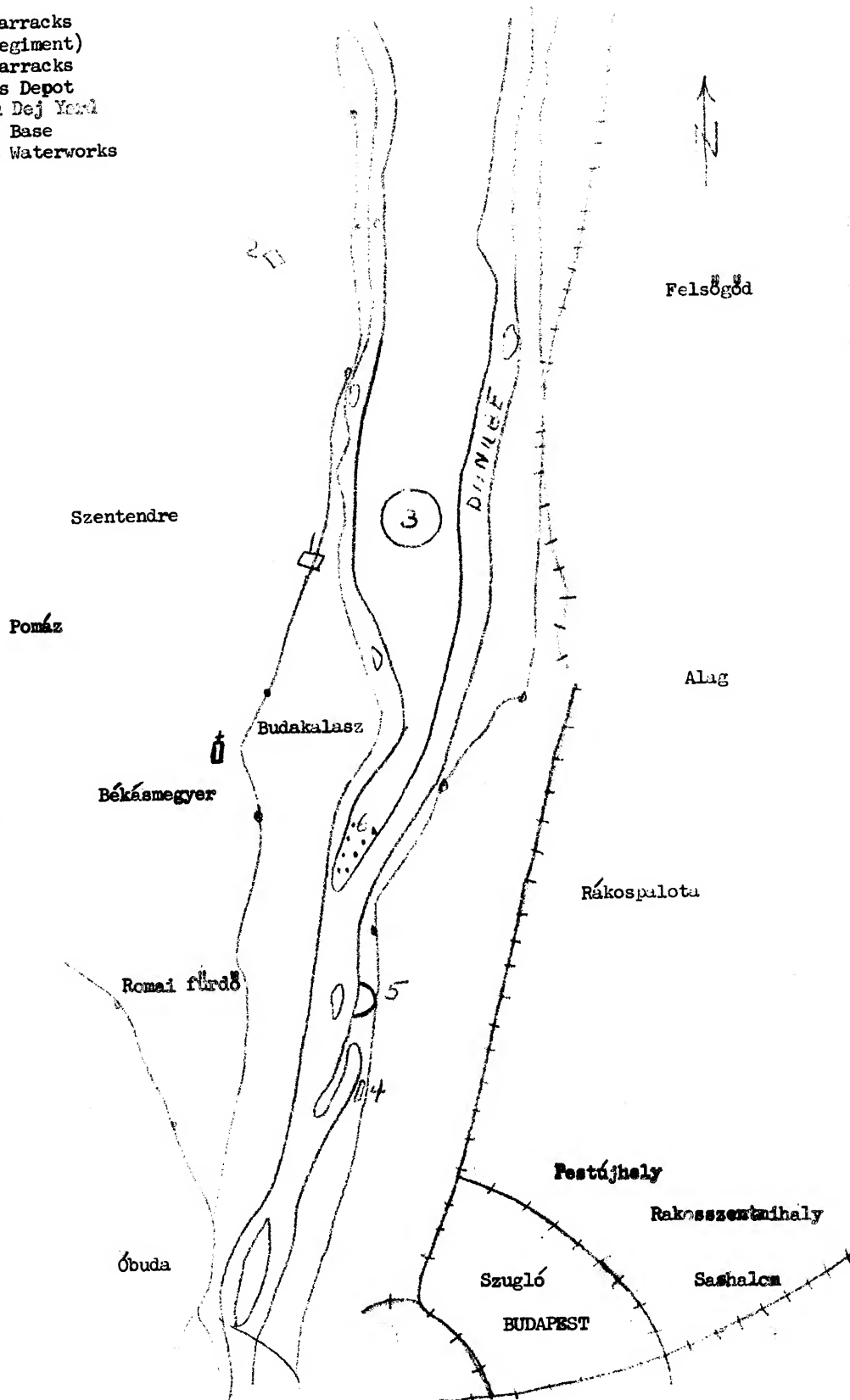
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Budapest NorthSketch 2

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1. Soviet Barracks
(one regiment)
2. Soviet Barracks
3. Munitions Depot
4. Gheorgiu Dej Yard
5. Flotilla Base
6. Budapest Waterworks



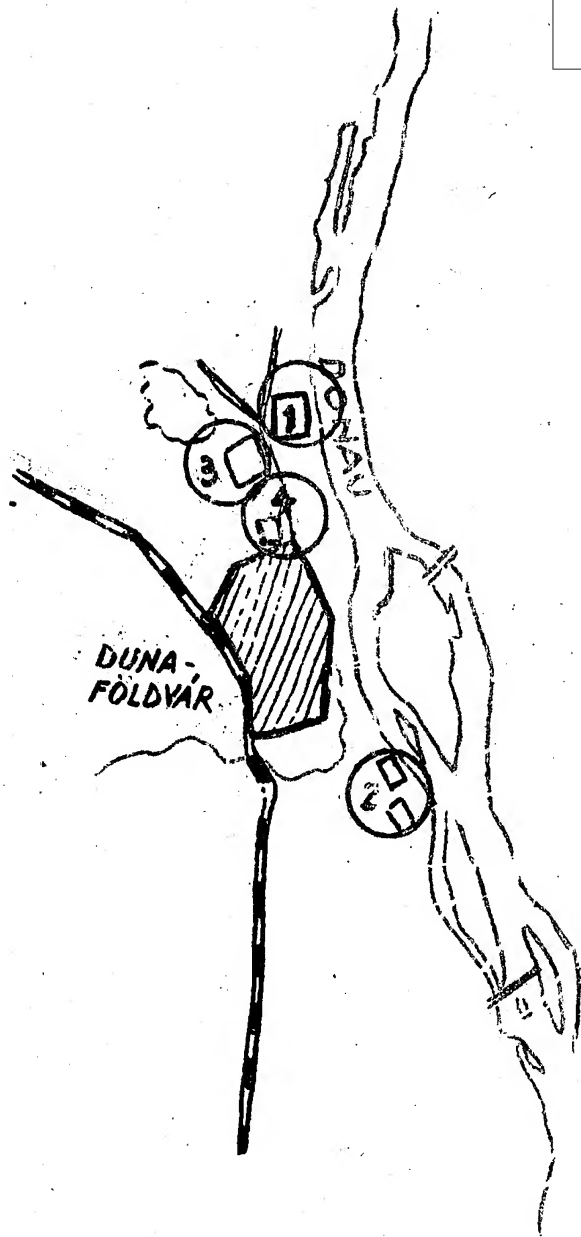
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Flottillenstützpunkt DUNAFÖLDVÁR

Skizze 3

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- 1 Kaserne im Bau
- 2 Flakstellungen
- 3 wird zwecks Anlegung
eines Stützpunktes
ausgebaggert
- 4 Kaserne im Bau

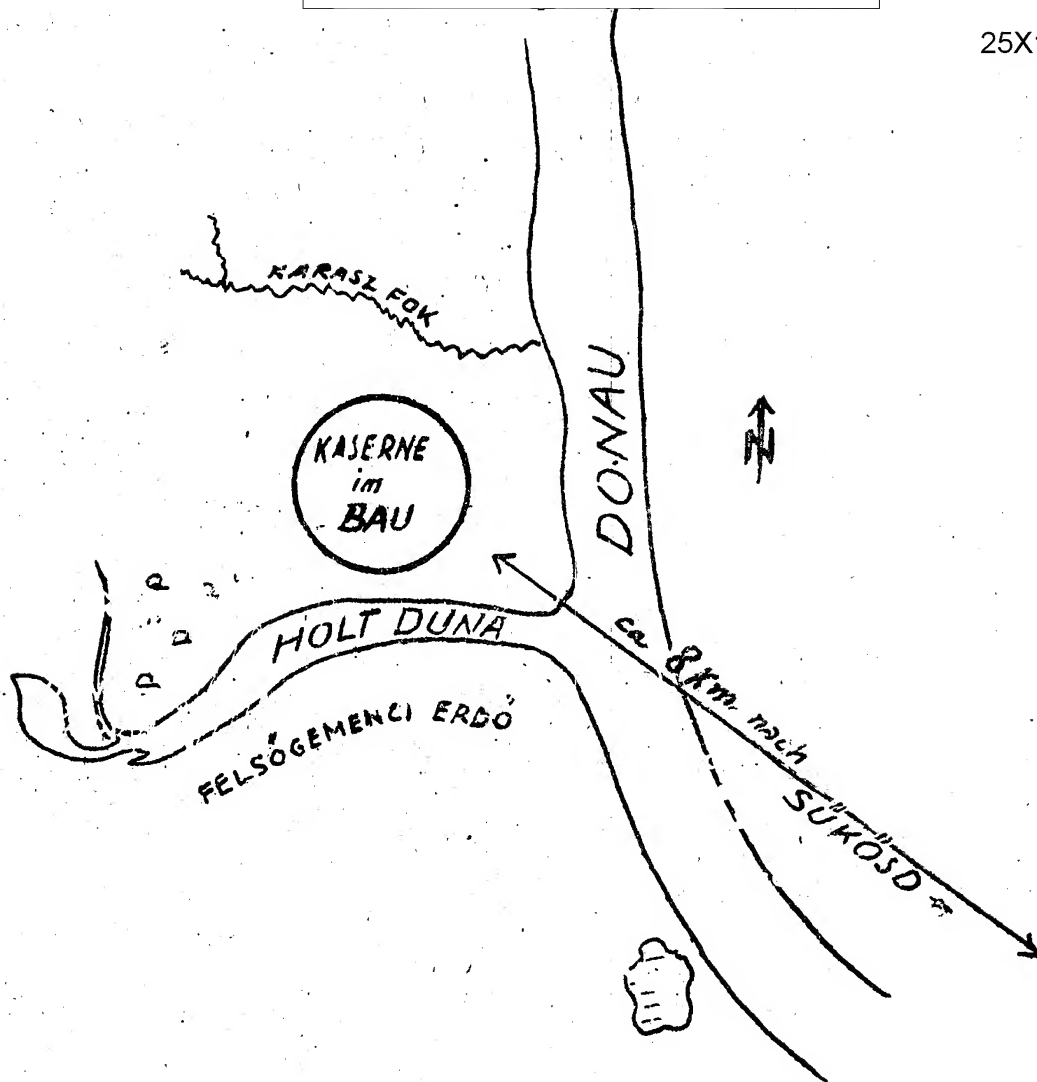
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Flottillenstützpunkt TOLNA

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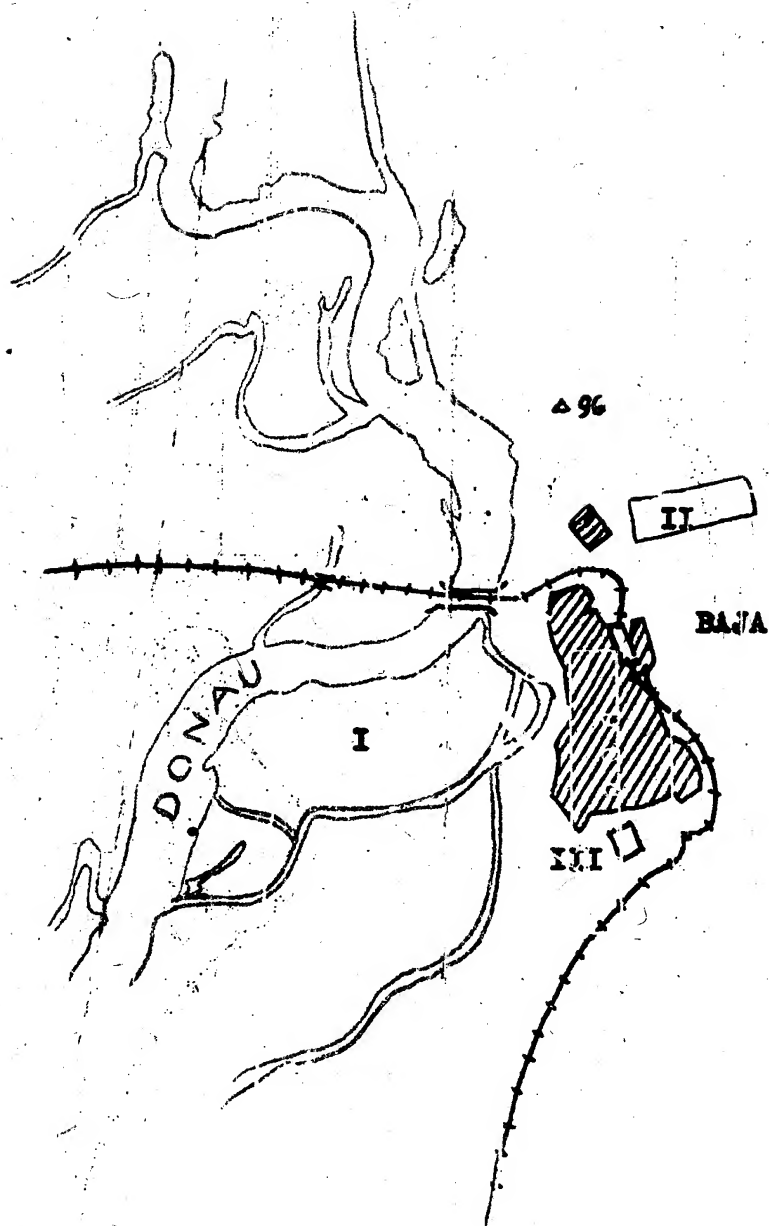
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Flottillenstützpunkt BAJA

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Flottille

II Exersierplatz

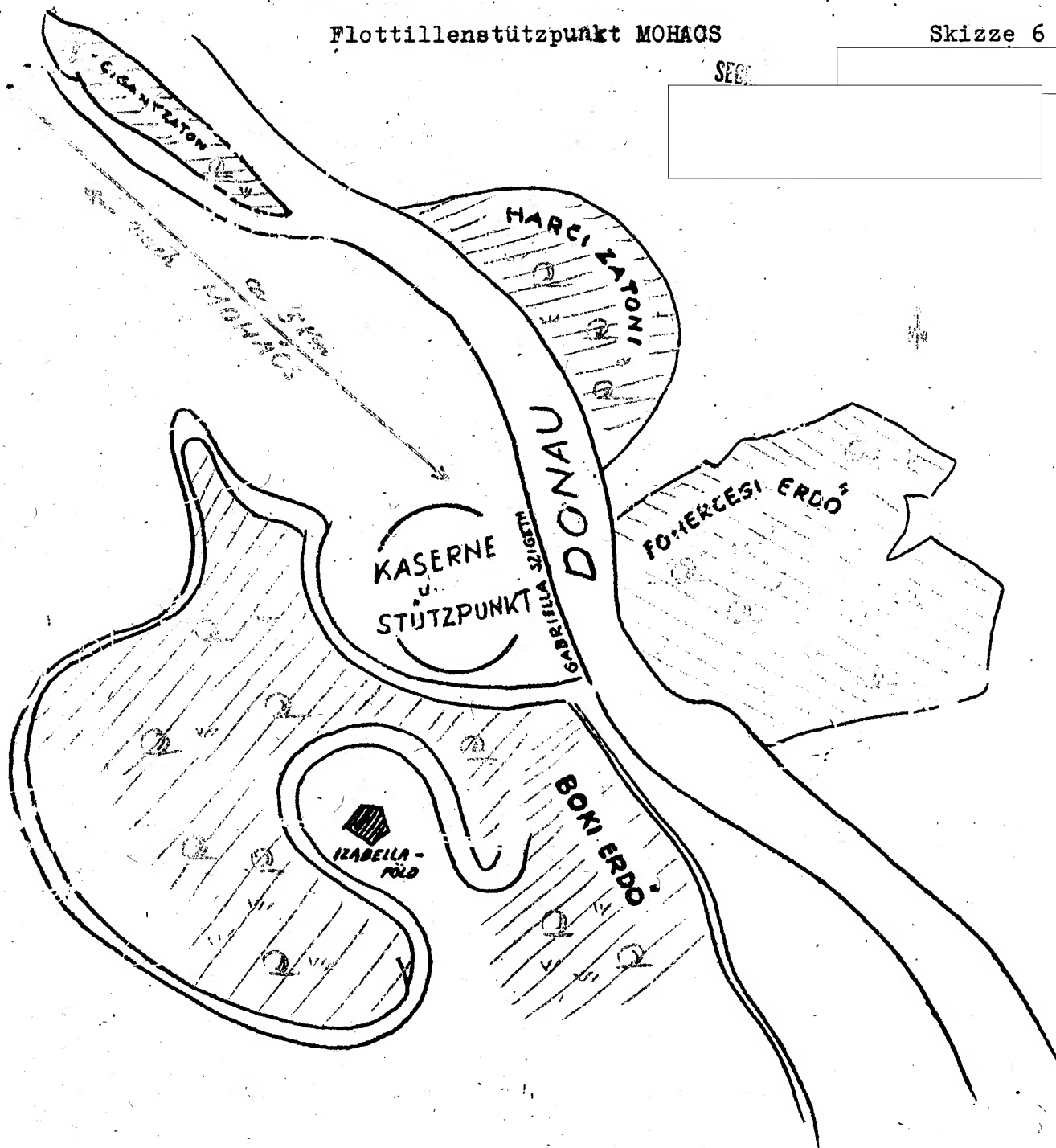
III Schiessplatz

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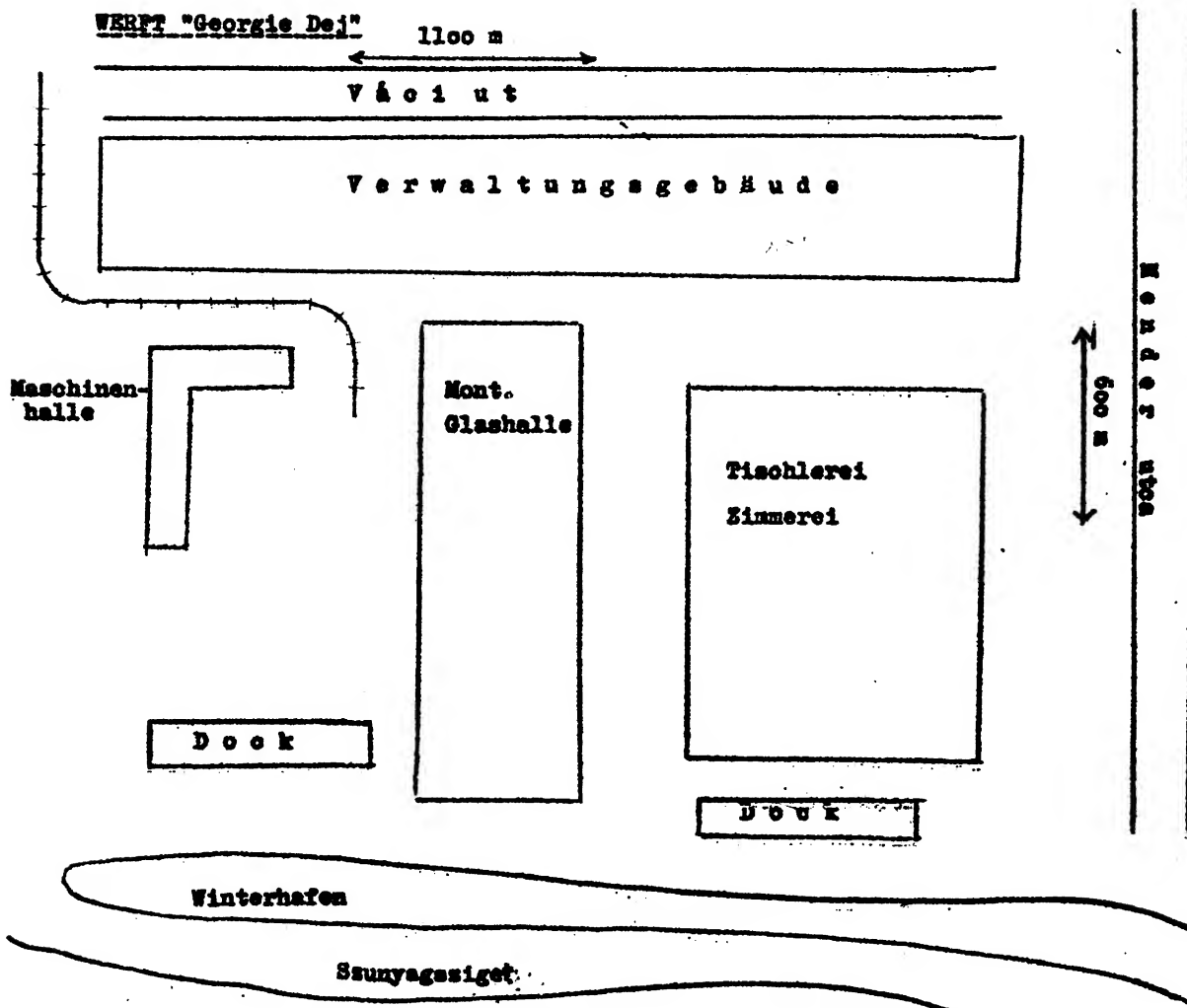
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Uniform der ungl. Donauflottille



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